

Abortion is a Biblical issue that demands your response!

I. LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION:

A. Personhood in the womb

- A. Genesis 4:1,17
- B. Deuteronomy 32:18
- C. Psalm 51:5-6
- D. Psalm 119:73
- E. Psalm 139:13-16
- F. 2 Samuel 11:5
- G. Hosea 9:11
- H. Matthew 1:18
- I. Luke 1:15, 31, 41,43-44
- J. Galatians 1:15

B. Death in the womb

- A. Job 10:18
- B. Jeremiah 1:5
- C. Jeremiah 20:17

For Further Study

God forms life: Psalm 119:73; Psalm 127:3; Psalm 139:13-16. God knows man intimately: Job 10; Psalm 139; Isaiah 49:1,5

Related Scripture

Genesis 4:1,17; 21:2; 29:32-35; 30:5, 19, 23; 38:3-4

Penalty for death of the pre born

Exodus 21:22-23 (compare with Exodus 20:13 and Genesis 9:6)

THEREFORE...

II. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS:

A. Birth Defects:

- A. Exodus 4:10-11
- B. Leviticus 19:14
- C. 1 Samuel 16:7
- D. Psalm 94:9
- E. John 9:2,3

B. Rape:

- A. Deuteronomy 22:22-27
- B. Isaiah 13:16
- C. 2 Samuel 13:6-29,32,33

C. Incest:

- A. Genesis 19:30-38
- B. Genesis 38 (see Perez in Ruth 4:18-22, Matthew 1:3, and Luke 3:33)
- C. Genesis 50:20

D. Save life of the mother

- A. Exodus 21:22-23

E. Evidence of Church History

- A. Leviticus 20:2-5: Human sacrifice MUST ALWAYS be condemned.
- B. Basil the Great: "A woman who deliberately destroys a fetus is answerable for death."
- C. Athenagoras of Athens: "All who use abortifacients are homicides and will account to God for their abortions as for their killing of men."
- D. Chrysostom called abortion "something even worse than murder."
- E. The didache: (earliest Christian writing) "You shall not slay a child by abortion."
- F. The Synod of Elvira passed a ruling that anyone who had an abortion or helped someone have one would be excommunicated until he or she were on their deathbed.
- G. John Calvin: "The fetus carried in the mother's womb is already a man; it is quite unnatural that a life be destroyed of one who has not yet seen its enjoyment."
- H. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian during World War II, said, "A great many different motives may lead to an action of this kind (i.e. thinking about and obtaining an abortion), but they cannot in any way alter the fact of murder."

III. THE GREAT DECEPTION OF THE CHURCH TODAY

A. A spirit of desensitization:

- A. Genesis 13:1-13
- B. Genesis 19, the testimony of Lot
- C. Today's impersonal terms:
 - Fetus
 - Product of conception
 - Uterine contents
 - TOP
 - Reproductive freedom
 - Choice

B. A spirit of intolerance:

- A. "He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord." - Proverbs 17:15
- B. Also see: Matthew 25:40; John 4:15-18, 27, 39, 42; John 8:1-11; Acts 5:40-41; Acts 9:1

C. A spirit of tolerance:

- A. Leviticus 20:2-5
- B. Deuteronomy 21:7
- C. 2 Kings 24:3-4
- D. Psalm 106:34-40
- E. Proverbs 8:36b
- F. Amos 1:13
- G. Revelation 2:20
- H. Revelation 9:21
- I. Proverbs 14:34

D. A spirit of accommodation:

- A. Matthew 24:12

B. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

C. Theologian Francis Schaeffer: "The evangelical accommodation to the world of our age represents the removal of the last barrier against the breakdown of our culture. If our reflex action is always accommodation, regardless of the centrality of the truth, there is something wrong. Here is the great evangelical disaster -- the failure of the evangelical world to stand for truth as truth. There is only one word for this -- namely, accommodation. The evangelical church has accommodated to the world spirit of the age."

- Condoning 'exceptions', when there are none biblically
- Being "personally opposed" (Deuteronomy 30:19, Proverbs 21:13 - compare the mockery of Pilate in Matthew 27:24 with Deuteronomy 21:6)

WHAT, THEN, SHOULD BE OUR RESPONSE?

IV. GOD'S SELECTION OF US TO INTERCEDE

A. Selected to rescue weak and needy: Psalm 82:4

B. Selected to speak out: Psalm 15:1,4

C. Selected to rescue and defend:

"Rescue those unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die. Don't try to disclaim responsibility by saying you didn't know about it. For God, who knows all hearts, knows yours, and He knows you knew! And He will reward everyone according to his deeds." (Proverbs 24:11-12, Living Bible)

D. Urged to repent, learn to do good, seek justice, reprove, defend: Isaiah 1:10-17

E. If we amend our ways and practice justice, then blessing comes: Jeremiah 7:5-7

F. Selected to do justice: Micah 6:8, Also: Psalm 41:1; Matthew 18:10, Matthew 23:23; Luke 18:15-16; James 1:27

Proverbs 21:13 - "He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered."

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14